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SCREENING SYSTEM

) Art Unit: 1743

) Examiner: P. Bex

) Date: October 12, 2000.



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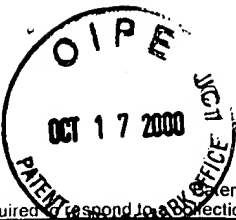
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